

S/N 09/630,000**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bruce Tockman et al. Examiner: Jeffrey R. Jastrzab
Serial No.: 09/630,000 Group Art Unit: 3762
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Title: LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THEREOF

PETITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that an additional one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed September 22, 2000, said period of response being extended from March 22, 2001 to April 22, 2001, for the extra month from previous extension.

Having previously paid \$1,390.00 for a four-month extension, a check in the amount of \$500.00 is now enclosed to pay for an additional one-month's extension. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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